

FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

OPERATIONS OF THE NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Situation of Tobacco at Richmond and Other Important Centres--Quotations of the New York and Liverpool Cotton Markets--Provisions and Grain.

New York, Jan. 2.—Money closed easy at 5 per cent. Exchange closed strong; posted rates, \$40.40/46; actual rates, \$40.45/\$5 for sixty days and 483/4 per cent for demand. Governments closed steady; currency, \$9, 100 bid; 4c, consols, 121, exclusive of interest; 4c, 3d, 103 1/2 bid.

The market was dull, only 80,000 shares changing hands in the two hours to noon. But the market, though quite strong, was narrow. The great interest in the trading was seen in the fact by the time of the close, nearly all the entire market had been sold, leaving mostly the entire hand feeling, and a further improvement in prices resulted when the receipts at ports showed also comparative small movement. Estimates of receipts of 30,000 bales at New Orleans, however, were made by 2 o'clock. As the interior receipts came lighter than the estimate and confirmed the early rumors, the market closed firm at an advance of 10 cents over the previous day's closing. The appointment to those who believe in a three-million crop, and will doubtless cause a change in the views of many who look for a lower range of prices." Receipts at ports totalled, estimated, 42,000 bales, against 40,000 last week, 42,000 the previous week. The spot market is quiet and stable at unchanged prices, middling uplands, 9.5-16. Transactions in futures, \$2,000 bales. Futures closed steady as follows: January, \$11.00/11.10; February, 9.24; March, 9.37/9.40; April, 9.40/9.42; June, 9.70/9.72; July, 9.76/9.80; August, 9.70/9.80; September, 9.75/9.84.

Liverpool--Holiday.

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The market was quiet, and the advance was attributed to outside buying. In the last hour prices reacted a fraction, but closing prices were generally 1/2 to 2 per cent, higher than those of Wednesday. Total sales, 200,500 shares.

Price, Ass'd.

Alabama--Class A...... 103

Alabama--Class B...... 106

Alabama--Class C...... 108

Louisiana--commod...... 90

Pennsylvania--commod...... 98

North Carolina--commod...... 104

Tennessee new set ex 1st...... 130

Tennessee N. & S. int...... 106

Tennessee ex 1st...... 107

Virginia--commod...... 104

Kansas--commod...... 105

Arkansas--commod...... 106

Mississippi--commod...... 106

Georgia--commod...... 106

South Carolina--commod...... 106

Alabama--commod...... 106

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